RANCHING WITH LORDS AND COMMONERS, Craig.

The story of the formation of the Oxley Ranch Co. in South Alberta. Shareholers: Hill, M.P. and Earl of Lathom, London. West in 1882 through U.S. to Ft. MacLeod to Willow Creek and the Oxley Ranch. To Porcupine Hills on exploration, no provisions. Kountz sent for food is lost and blinded. Origin of name of Pincher Creek: pinchers of murdered Montana prospectors, 1864, found in creek by search party. Stand-Off gets its name from Montana whiskey traders who "stood-off" American U.S. Marshal and his men. To Montana for first stock purchase--Stand-Off, Cut Bank, to Ft. Benton, Billings (base of supplies for Can. N.W. Boundaries of Oxley Ranch on pp.93. Stories of round-up and camps. Visit to Stand-Off and Blood Indian reserve across river. "Dead Lodges" in trees and scaffolds where dead bodies of Indians laid. Indians oppose burial in earth because spirit of departed cannot then come from and go back to the body which it loves to visit for many months after leaving--even those who do profess Christianity keep open a small hole at the corner of the grave down to the body so that intercourse between corporate and incorporate may still be continued.

This is the story of the difficulties of setting up the ranch for English company with no funds made available. Heavy buying on credit at orders of company and followed by much difficulty with disgruntled creditors. Visit of Craig to England in search of financial aid and promised credit from Hill after visit to ranch proves undependable. Foreclosure by creditors on ranch; Montana stock seized as well.

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"Mr. Harry Taylor, better known as "Kamoose" gave material for two or 3 pages of Home to Home. Kamoose, according to his own story began life in B.C. in the Cariboo district as a missionary but finding that he could make no progress gave up that profession and joined the whiskey traders. He was, at the time of our visit, keeping the Kamoose Hotel.